

**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE SIXTH ASEAN PLUS THREE
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON YOUTH (6TH AMMY+3)
20 July 2017
Jakarta, Indonesia**

We, the Ministers of Youth of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Plus China, Japan and Republic of Korea, met on 20 July 2017 at The Sixth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth (6th AMMY+3) in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting was held in conjunction with the Tenth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY X) and was preceded by the Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 6th AMMY+3 held on 19 July 2017 in Jakarta. His Excellency Imam Nahrawi, Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia, chaired the meeting. The meeting was co-chaired by China.

1. We emphasized the necessity to provide wider access for ASEAN Plus Three youth to intensify people to people contacts and establish effective communication which is key to achieving mutual understanding among the young generation. This will be enhanced through various initiatives of the ASEAN Plus Three Countries that are aimed at building cross-cultural understanding and serving as bridges in connecting young people, and building a foundation for future cooperation.

2. We expressed support to the ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2016-2020 and encouraged all ASEAN Plus Three efforts and cooperation on youth development to find synergy in the five priority areas of the Work Plan including youth entrepreneurship, youth employability, awareness raising towards appreciation of the ASEAN Community, youth volunteerism and leadership, and youth resilience and competencies in advanced technological and managerial skills.

3. We called on the ASEAN Plus Three young generation to proliferate youth entrepreneurship through innovation and hard work which is key to expanding job opportunities, thus contributing to an increased ASEAN Plus Three's human resource and economic development towards prosperity in the region. In view of this, we highlighted the importance of equipping the young generation with essential skills, values and knowledge prior to entering the job market through vocational training and apprenticeship. We also acknowledged the importance of protecting and promoting the welfare of ASEAN youth in light of increased labour mobility and people-to-people exchange in the ASEAN region and beyond.

4. We also reiterated an inclusive development among the youth and the support towards enhancing opportunities for youth with disabilities and special needs. With this spirit, we welcomed the forthcoming Asian Para Games which will be held in Jakarta in 2018.

5. We urged the young generation to become more actively involved in the ASEAN community building process such as participate in policy making considering appropriate conditions in the respective ASEAN Plus Three Countries. We are convinced that the involvement of young people in these processes would lead to the development of a sense of ownership among them which is key in determining future leadership and direction of the region. In view of this, we reiterated our commitment to facilitate closer ASEAN Plus Three collaboration on youth development and to further deepen and broaden cooperation with tangible impact on the quality of life of the peoples of the ASEAN Plus Three Countries.

6. In order to establish a strong and peace loving ASEAN youth community, we noted various cross-cutting initiatives such as the ASEAN “Culture of Prevention” and the ASEAN Youth Interfaith Camp 2017.

7. We welcomed Lao PDR as the forthcoming Chairman of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth and agreed to meet again at the 7th AMMY+3 in Lao PDR in 2019. We expressed appreciation to Indonesia for its leadership as Chairman and Host of the 6th AMMY+3.
